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Identical letters dated 14 October 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

In my capacity as Chair of the Arab Group for the month of October 2011, I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States at the Permanent Representative level at its extraordinary session held on 13 October 2011 in Cairo, regarding the attempt to assassinate the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United States of America of America (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Statement issued by the Council of the League of Arab States at an extraordinary meeting at the Permanent Representative level

The criminal attempt to assassinate the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United States of America

Cairo, 13 October 2011

In the light of the presentation made by the head of the delegation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia concerning the criminal attempt to assassinate the Ambassador of that country to the United States of America, the Council of the League of Arab States, at an extraordinary meeting at the Permanent Representative level that was held at League headquarters on Thursday, 13 October 2011, expresses its condemnation and rejection of the criminal Iranian attempt to assassinate the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United States of America. The Council notes that any attack on diplomatic personnel is considered as a blatant violation of all international norms and instruments and of the rules and conventions that govern relations between States and, in particular, the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations. Such behaviour is incompatible with religious values and humanitarian principles and undermines efforts in support of international peace and security and stability in the Middle East. It also has a negative impact on the relations between Iran and the Arab States and, in particular, the States of the Gulf Cooperation Council.

The Council calls upon the Arab and Islamic worlds and the international community to shoulder their responsibilities with regard to such terrorist acts, which threaten the stability of States and international peace and security, and provoke enmity and hatred between States and peoples.

(Statement No. 153 — extraordinary session — 13 October 2011)